

# Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund Update

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## Greetings from John-Mark Hack

### Dear Extension Agents:

I hope this e-letter finds you well and winding down from a busy summer. We plan to use this monthly communication tool as the primary means of providing you new information related to the Agricultural Development Fund and your work with county Agricultural Development Councils. Governor Patton is well aware of the hard work you have invested in this historic process, and is highly appreciative as are the members of the Agricultural Development Board and all of us in the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

This newsletter will go to all agents, area directors, Dr. Turner, Dean Smith and other CES staff members. It will include information on new model county programs, updates to our web site, and other technical information that will hopefully make your job of facilitating your county council much easier. If you ever have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact your area contact here in the GOAP. Thanks again for your efforts. It's onward and upward from here for the farm families of Kentucky.

-John-Mark Hack  
Executive Director

## Phase I Application Process: Updates

### *New Model Program Application Launched*

At the August Kentucky Agricultural Development Board meeting, the **new Model Program Application** for County Phase I Funds was launched. The new application is tailored specifically for organizations wishing to administer model programs. The application also outlines the procedure for requesting additional funds for a program.

The new application is available at <http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/>

### *Updated County Council Prioritization Sheet Available*

The **County Council Prioritization Sheet** has been updated to reflect suggestions made by the Phase I Application Taskforce. The "medium" & "not a priority" choices have been eliminated, and a few items have been added to clarify the intentions of the County Council.

The new priority sheet is available at [http://www.kyagpolicy.com/board/county\\_councils.shtml](http://www.kyagpolicy.com/board/county_councils.shtml)

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 13—Board Project Review Committees (Frankfort)

Sept. 20—Board Meeting E. S. Goodbarn, 2:00 pm (Lexington)

### County Council Member Updates

If you have not done so, please submit your additions and deletions to your county's council through the on-line form available at

<http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/AgPrograms/>

This system sends the same information to both UK and our office, so that we all have consistent up-to-date information.

## Welcome to New Staff

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy would like to welcome two new faces to our staff, **Teresa Walden**, Receptionist and **Ashley Swinson**, Student Co-op.

Teresa is no stranger to agriculture, having grown up on a dairy farm in Ball Knob, Kentucky. After living out of state for several years Teresa, her husband Michael, and five children moved back to Franklin County when Michael retired from the military. Teresa is an avid photographer and is currently taking courses at LCC in photography and journalism. When asked what she wanted to share about

her new job Teresa stated, "I'm looking forward to working with everyone, and hope to be as helpful as I can."

Not only is this Ashley's first exposure to agriculture, she is also new to Franklin County. Ashley's family recently moved to Frankfort from Rock Hill, North Carolina. Ashley is a senior at Franklin County High School and is planning to attend University of South Carolina next fall majoring in Business. She is excited about the opportunity to work in the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

## Phase II Update

Jeff Harper, Phase II Coordinator for the Governor's Office, reports that 74,000 applications have been received from applicants, compared to 62,000 this time last year. Applications are due September 16, 2002. Payments will be issued December 30, 2002.

It is estimated that Kentucky will payout \$130 million in Phase II payments this year. There is a toll free number for those who have questions about their Phase II application:

1-877-549-2537.

## GOAP Website Updates

**Seedlist updated:** [http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/documents/forage\\_seedlist.pdf](http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/documents/forage_seedlist.pdf)

**Calendar updated:** <http://www.kyagpolicy.com/calendar.shtml>

**Agricultural Development Board meeting details page updated:** <http://www.kyagpolicy.com/board/meetings.shtml>

**Agricultural Diversification: Reporting Forms & Instructions posted:** <http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/diversification.shtml>

**Agricultural Diversification: Sample Producer Application fixed:** <http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/diversification.shtml>

## Phase I News

Estimates for 2003-2004 County Phase I Funds are now available. These are only estimates.

To view the estimates for your county visit <http://www.kyagpolicy.com/funds/availability.shtml>

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